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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John E. EBY et al.

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For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING  
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND  
METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE  
COVERING HAVING A NATURAL  
APPEARANCE

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: A. Kuhns

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and continued examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 25 and 26 as follows and add new claim 47:

225. (Twice Amended) The method of claim ~~33~~, [further comprising] **wherein said first layer comprises foam and the chemical embossing comprises** the step of expanding said foam [layer during said curing step].

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